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MEXICAN BANDITS BURN POLARIS, ARIZONA TOWN

COMMISSION TO SETTLE PROBLEM OF LABOR TODAY

City Officials to Make Reply to Trade's Letter Asking Information.

COUNCIL WITHHOLDING ACTION PENDING WORD

Workers' Body Divided Into Favorable, Opposing and Passive Groups.

Because a letter addressed some time ago by representatives of the Oklahoma City Central Trades and Labor council had not been answered Thursday, the organization at its regular weekly meeting in Municipal hall Thursday night refused to endorse the proposed \$150,000 water bond issue. The letter contained questions as to the employment of labor. Two hours were spent discussing the project and the central body was more completely divided. It is said that on any proposition before it in months.

Three opinions figured in the debate in council. One party, led by Pres. Mont E. Powell, was favorable to the project. Another was against the bonds, and a third wanted no action taken until some assurance had been received from the city.

Answer Letter Today. When asked as to whether or not the letter from the council had ever been received by the city, Mayor Ed Overholser said Friday morning that it had and probably today a meeting of the city commission would be held and a reply to the council letter formed.

Mayor Overholser declared that the union letter asked as to whether or not union labor would be used in the exclusion of non-union workmen on the water job.

As to Union Labor. The reply of the commissioners probably would be, he said, that since they represent the people as a whole they will use home labor exclusively, or as nearly as possible, that the workmen will be employed eight hours a day, an equitable scale of wages will be paid to every man and adhered to during the life of the contract, but that neither union nor non-union labor would be employed to the exclusion of the other.

Union men say the fact that no reply to the letter had been received was the principal cause for non-action by the council, and that should the reply of the commission seem favorable it is probable the central body will endorse the bonds at its next meeting.

Mrs. Love Admits She's Twenty-One

When Anna Burns Love filed her name with the county election board as a candidate for county superintendent of public instruction, she declined to state her exact age.

"Does the law compel me to give my age?" she asked Paul M. Pope, chairman of the election board.

"No, but all candidates for office must be twenty-one years old," he replied.

"Well, I am over twenty-one," she said.

"Over twenty-one years old," is what was written by Mrs. Love on her application.

Homes Leased for G. O. P. Convention

CHICAGO, May 12.—The demand for accommodations during the republican convention week, June 7, it was learned Friday, has so exhausted the supply of rooms in Chicago hotels that many visitors will live in private homes.

John Wamamaker, of New York and Philadelphia, has taken a house of fourteen rooms on Michigan boulevard. Others have followed his example and it is said the rental in some cases amounts to \$100 a day and upward.

DOZEN AUTOISTS CAUGHT IN HOUR

Charges of Reckless Driving Laid in Western Avenue Cases.

Thirteen alleged reckless drivers were arrested this morning in the space of one hour by Patrolman D. Wilkerson and Motorcycle Patrolman Joe Braum at the corner of Main street and Western avenue, where several accidents have occurred. The officers claim that all thirteen of the drivers turned to the left instead of to the right as required by the traffic rules. The following is a list of those arrested by the officers at this crossing: Harold Lee, P. R. Manning, Ben Davis, K. H. Krueger, C. A. Schmidt, Frank Bloom, C. R. Brooks, C. A. Hays, L. B. Ivy, Jess McVine, F. Baumberger and C. H. Chaney.

COWBOYS IN MONTANA OFFER ARMY SERVICES FOR MEXICAN WAR

HELENA, Mont., May 12.—One hundred cowboys of Montana have offered their services to the United States, recruiting office for war with Mexico. A cowboy delegate who made the offer to the army officers here said that a thousand more could be obtained in ten days.

EMBRY WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE TO RETAIN HIS POST

County Attorney Announces Intention But Refuses to Make Comment.

County Attorney John Embrey will not be a candidate to succeed himself. That definite announcement was made today by Mr. Embrey. The prosecutor did not issue a statement giving any reason for declining to run, and he refused to make any comment. In his characteristic manner he simply said he would not run and then walked away.

With Mr. Embrey out of the race, the republican field is open. Many attorneys who are ambitious to be county attorneys have been holding off from filing their names until after Mr. Embrey decided what he intended to do.

Seely Probably Enters. That Chas. H. Seely, assistant county attorney since January, 1915, will be a candidate for the republican nomination, was a report around the courthouse today. As chief assistant Mr. Seely has had charge of many important criminal cases, and has assisted his chief in many big trials. The assistant also has attended to many civil matters.

Mr. Embrey was appointed county attorney in April, 1915, to fill out the unexpired term of H. V. Thompson, who died. Since he has been in the office, he has been largely responsible for suppression of bootlegging and gambling joints in Oklahoma City and county. He has successfully prosecuted many notorious bootleggers and gamblers.

Convicted Greeksmen. He convicted W. J. Greeksmen of Joplin, Mo., commonly called "king of bootleggers," and several others in the county on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Oklahoma prohibitory law. In his law enforcement labors, Mr. Embrey has worked harmoniously with the mayor, police department and sheriff of the county. Mr. Embrey declined to state what he intended to do after his term of office expired, January 1, 1917.

\$700,000 GAINS IN CLEARING SHOWN

Oklahoma banks will be able to handle the crops of the state this year without resorting to discounts, in the opinion of Ralph O. Wunderlich, manager of the Oklahoma City clearing house, who Thursday made a report for the week ended yesterday, which showed that the bank clearings increased from \$2,862,508 in the corresponding period in 1915 to \$3,564,951.56.

California Thieves Get \$20,000 Loot

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., May 12.—Robbers who Thursday looted the general store of James Hingsworth at Randburg on the San Bernadino desert, escaped with more than \$20,000, according to telephone messages from officers.

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OKLAHOMA CLAIM FOR GREAT LAND TRACT REJECTED

U. S. Interior Department Affirms Judgment of Commissioner.

204,000 ACRES STATE ASKS OF GOVERNMENT

Act of 1866 Not Applicable to Commonwealth, Official Holds.

Oklahoma's claim against the federal government for 204,000 acres of land, which it was contended should have been given to the state upon its admission to the union, has been rejected by the department of the interior at Washington. Copies of the opinion written by Andrew A. Jones, first assistant secretary of the department, reached Oklahoma City Friday morning. The decision affirms the judgment of the commissioner of the general land office who in November, 1915, held that the state was not entitled to the land.

Provisions of Act. Two acts of congress, one of July 2, 1862, and another of July 23, 1866, known as the Morrill land grant act, provided that each new state, upon admission to the union, should receive an amount of public land equal to 30,000 acres for each representative in congress according to the congressional apportionment based on the census of 1860.

"No other measure of the grant is prescribed and as Oklahoma was not entitled to representation in congress by the apportionment of the census of 1860, it is impossible for this department to say how many acres it is entitled to receive without reading into the act some thing that is not there and reading out the same something that is there," reads the opinion.

State Claim Pushed. The claim of the state had been prosecuted before the department by members of the Oklahoma delegation in congress and Houston B. Tice, registrar of the treasury.

There is no need in the state now which could have been given to the state even if its claim had been sustained, and it asked for script entitling it to land in unsurveyed lands in other sections of the country.

SANDUSKY FIRE LOSS \$500,000

Subsiding of High Wind Saves Ohio City's Business Section.

SANDUSKY, O., May 12.—Subsiding of a high wind probably was all that saved the business district from destruction by fire which swept thirteen large stores and several smaller establishments Friday. Loss was estimated at \$500,000.

RAILWAY MUST GIVE UP STEAMSHIP COMPANIES

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—The federal district court here Friday dismissed the petition of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company to have the interstate commerce commission restrained from enforcing its order directing the Great Lakes steamship companies from the Lehigh Valley company.

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put his hand to his eyes and a bullet passed through his hand and into his brain.

Other Innocents Arrested. The widow declares that she received no notification of her husband's death and that she was refused any information concerning him. When two of her sisters went to the barracks and made inquiry concerning Mr. Skiffington they were put under temporary arrest. On Friday night, following the execution of her husband, a large military force, according to Mrs. Skiffington, surrounded her residence, fired upon the doors and placed her and her son, aged 7, under arrest and for three hours ransacked the house. Three days later they again raided the house and made prisoner her maid, who was detained for nearly a week. Unknown to her, her husband's body was dug up from the Portobello cemetery and transferred to Glasnevin cemetery.

Before calling the anti-looting meeting, Mrs. Skiffington asserts, that her husband by personal appeals had stopped some looting. The widow in her statement demands the fullest inquiry into Mr. Skiffington's death, at which she will be legally represented.

A dispatch from Dublin says that a court martial is trying the officers believed to have been responsible for the death of Skiffington.

British Premier Goes to Ireland



Premier Asquith.

Premier Asquith has gone to Dublin to get a first hand report of conditions in Ireland following the Sinn Fein revolt. It is believed he will order martial law abolished except in some of the provinces.

SMOKER BURNED; CIGARET MATCH FIRES GASOLINE

Carnival Employee Spills Fluid on Shirt, Which Catches Fire.

When Robert Ziert, an employee in a restaurant conducted by the Wortham Carnival company in a tent on its grounds near the courthouse, struck a match Friday morning in ignited a quantity of gasoline he had spilled on his shirt and burned him seriously. He was rushed at once to the Emergency hospital and given treatment.

Ziert was filling a coffee can in the tent when he spilled the gasoline. A few minutes later he struck a match, to light a cigarette, it is said. Instantly his shirt became ignited and he ran from the tent screaming loudly.

Employees of the carnival tore the clothes from Ziert's body, but not before the flesh on his face, chest and shoulders had been burned.

Ziert's home is in Houston, Tex.

DEMOCRATS GAIN IN STATE, MELTON SAYS

Large democratic gains in all sections of the state are shown in the recent registration of voters, according to Judge Alger Melton of Chickasha, chairman of the democratic state central committee, who was in Oklahoma City Friday.

"The registration was heavy, I believe there were comparatively few voters who did not register during the ten day period," said Chairman Melton.

"In my section of the state and in other sections I have heard from the registration was heavy. None of the complaints made against the law have proven to be founded. Not an appeal, so far as I know, has been taken from the decision of a registrar which, in itself, speaks well for the law."

SIX THOUSAND CHICAGO GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE

CHICAGO, May 12.—Strike headquarters reported Friday that there now are 6,000 garment workers out in Chicago. The employers say the number is about four thousand.

Oldest Elk in U. S. Dies, 101 Years Old

COLUMBUS, Miss., May 12.—Harrison Johnston, 101 years old, said to be the oldest member of the fraternal Order of Elks in the United States, died at his home here Friday. He was a veteran of the Seminole Indian war and prominent in local business circles for many years.

BAKER UNABLE TO CONFIRM RETIREMENT OF GOETHALS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Baker said Friday he had no advice from Panama to confirm reports that Governor Goethals plans to resign June 1. General Goethals, however, has a tacit agreement with the war department for his retirement when the removal of the canal slides are completed. He postponed his retirement when the slides occurred last fall.

PREMIER ASQUITH GOES TO DUBLIN TO BRING PEACE

Believed Execution of Rebels May Cause Reaction of Sympathy.

MARTIAL LAW MAY BE ENDED IN DISTRICTS

Prime Minister to Consider Reconstruction of Distressed Portions.

DUBLIN, May 12.—Premier Asquith arrived Friday in Dublin. The premier's program for the day was first a conference with departmental chiefs and afterward consultation with General Maxwell in regard to the military situation, which is well in hand.

May Abolish Martial Law. It is reported that a proclamation will be issued shortly abolishing martial law, the provisions of which have been greatly modified in the last few days.

The situation in some parts of the provinces is said to be still rather disturbed and it is likely that military control will continue in these districts.

Plan for Compensation. Premier Asquith intended also to meet several civilian deputations in order to learn their ideas concerning the reconstruction of the distressed portions of Dublin and perhaps to formulate a plan for compensation.

It is feared in some quarters that a reaction of sympathy will result from the execution of rebels.

Bill Expresses America's Horror

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A resolution to express the "horror of the American people" at the execution of Irish revolutionaries, was introduced Friday by Representative Dyer of Missouri. The resolution took the regular course to a committee and was not discussed on the floor.

Government Order Precipitated Riot

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 12.—"The Leader," an Irish publication, prints what is said to be a copy of a document alleged to have been issued secretly by the British government and the disclosure of which is said to have precipitated the recent riot in Ireland. According to "The Leader," the document fell into the hands of Tom Kelly, a Dublin alderman, who read it at a special meeting of the city council the Wednesday preceding the riots.

The copy of the alleged document declares that, on receipt of an order issued from the chief secretary's office, certain measures be put in force immediately. These measures included the arrest of all members of the Sinn Fein council and leaders of other nationalistic organizations. The alleged document declared that the Dublin metropolitan police and royal Irish constabulary forces in Dublin be confined to barracks; that provision be made to notify inhabitants to remain indoors "until such time as competent military authority may otherwise direct or permit" gave directions for certain military occupation throughout the city.

Church Advances In Spite of War

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., May 12.—Representatives of fourteen nations participated in a meeting held Friday in connection with the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, Native workers from Korea, Japan, India, Denmark, Uruguay and Mexico, reported that despite the war, progress had been made in church activities during the last four years.

AUSTRIAN LINER IS SUNK AT SEA

Passenger Steamer Dubrovnik Is Victim of Torpedo Without Warning.

BERLIN, May 12.—The Austro-Hungarian passenger steamer Dubrovnik has been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Adriatic, says an Overseas News agency announcement Friday. "The Dubrovnik was not armed and was torpedoed without any warning whatever."

A Paris news agency dispatch Wednesday told of the sinking by a French submarine in the lower Adriatic of "an enemy transport laden with war material."

The Dubrovnik was a vessel of 4,233 tons gross, built in Newcastle in 1912. Marine registers reported it last at Constantinople.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN OREGON INSTALLS PUBLICITY MANAGER

SALMON, Ore., May 12.—F. J. Russell was installed Friday as publicity manager for the Episcopal church in Salmon. The appointment was suggested by the Rev. S. C. Vail, rector and former newspaperman, who said he believed publicity in church should reap results in benevolent and newspaper advertising done in the business world.

WOMAN AT HOME, NEIGHBOR TELLS RICHARDS FAMILY

Husband Seeking Near Mustang for Missing Helpmeet; Son Here.

A neighbor telephoned relatives of Mrs. Lizzie Richards this afternoon that she had returned to her home today and was working there as usual. She had been reported missing for two days and there was talk of dredging the river, which she had to cross in coming to Oklahoma from her rural residence some distance from near Canton Hill.

A son, who had hastened from Wichita Falls, Texas, and was at the home of Mrs. Harry Traube, a daughter of Mrs. Richards, at 1209 Lincoln, rushed to the Richards home immediately on receipt of the message, to learn whether or not it was true.

L. P. Richards, the husband, and daughter, had gone to Mustang early today, having received a report that a woman answering perfectly the description of the missing woman, had stayed all night four miles from that town. They had not returned to Oklahoma City relatives at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Although the police also were informed that Mrs. Richards had returned home, the various reports were somewhat conflicting and relatives doubted their truth pending confirmation.

ALLEGED SLAYER IS HELD WITHOUT BOND

Jess Knight, jointly charged with his brother, John, with the murder of Chief John Lone of the S. and N. E. department, waived preliminary hearing today before Justice of the Peace T. F. Donnell. He was held without bonds to await action by the district court.

Teutons Declared to Have Undergone Grave Diplomatic Check.

PARIS, May 12.—The official admission that a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex is widely commented on in Friday's press, which considers that the admission accentuates Germany's collapse before President Wilson's resolute attitude.

The Irish Parliament gave an examination of the contents of the German press shows that it is dominated by the feeling that Germany has undergone one of the gravest diplomatic checks in her history.

There is considerable skepticism about the punishment of the commander of the submarine.

"Has not Admiral von Capelle promoted Lieutenant Otto Stehrich, the commander of the U-18, which I understand, torpedoed the Sussex?" asked Marcel Holtz.

Life Guards Save Wrecked Ship's Dog

ROUEN, France, May 12.—The Eagle Harbor coast guards late Thursday rescued a life raft of the steamer S. B. Kirby the pet bull dog of Captain David Girardin who was lost with 18 of his crew when the vessel sank Monday.

The dog, half dead from his long exposure, sprang from the boat as soon as it reached shore and his disappearance into the woods.

Allies to Demand Passage of Greeks

BERLIN, May 12.—The official Russian press bureau, as quoted by Petrograd newspapers, announces that the Greek government is adhering to its decision to refuse permission for passage of the Serbian troops. The Overseas News Agency says: "The Russians believe Greece is actuated by fear of Germany. The entente powers have decided to employ force, being prompted by desire to determine definitely the policy of Greece."

U. S. Shortens Line in Mexico

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 12.—Reports, unverified at military headquarters, that American troops are being withdrawn from San Antonio, Mexico, and other advanced bases gave rise Friday to a belief in some quarters that developments look toward a protective patrol of northern Chihuahua.

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AMERICANS ARE DRIVEN OUT OF MINING CAMPS

Nogales Commander Rushes Soldiers to Guard Border Villages.

SECRET PACT WITH OREGON IS HINTED

Scott Indicates Verbal Agreement Reached With War Minister.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 12.—Mexican bandits are reported to have raided and burned Polaris, a mining camp seven miles below Lochiel, on the border yesterday, driving out the Americans who escaped to Nogales in automobiles. Colonel Sage, commanding at Nogales, sent a company of infantry and twenty cavalymen to guard Lochiel, Washington Camp and other towns on the American side.

First reports said that Lochiel was attacked.

Secret Pact With Oregon Is Hinted

WASHINGTON, May 12.—On receiving information from General Hugh L. Scott that the border conference with General Obregon had been closed without agreement, Secretary Baker announced that he had directed General Scott to return to Washington and General Funston to return to his headquarters at San Antonio, Texas.

Negotiations with the Carranza government over disposition of American troops in Mexico were transferred to Washington by failure of General Scott, Funston and Obregon to reach a formal agreement Thursday night. Hereafter discussions will be conducted through diplomatic channels directly between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing and General Carranza and Elmer Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

No Change in Policy. Secretary Baker said after the cabinet meeting that no change in the Mexican policy had been decided on. No new orders for military organizations to go to the border are in contemplation, he said, and indicated that no general intervention in Mexico is being thought of at present.

Despite the final break in El Paso entries, officials here did not appear to consider the relations between the American and Carranza government as unduly strained. They believed the government even yet might reach an understanding.

Unwritten Agreement Formed. General Scott's report, which was its amplification of the official statement issued by the conference at El Paso Thursday night, was transmitted to Secretary Lansing and also was considered at the cabinet meeting. Its contents were not disclosed but there were some indications of an unwritten agreement having been formulated to cover co-operative action along the border for the present.

Secretary Baker said the conference had tried to reach a basis for a written agreement but found it impossible although all interchanges were of the most friendly character.

Cannot Write Agreement. It was suggested that General Carranza, faced by the political situation in Mexico was unable to make any written agreement which his opponents could point out as indicating a surrender of sovereign rights. Under that theory, General Obregon, it is understood has given assurances that every possible means will be employed by his government to all in the speedy extermination of the bandits while the formal diplomatic discussions of the withdrawal suggestion proceeds.

It is possible that neither side will endeavor to force the negotiations while the disturbed condition along the border continues.

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